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SUBJECT: TRADE AGREEMENT

- 1. WHITE HOUSE TELLS US THAT TRADE PACKAGE WILL PROBABLY GO TO CONGRESS TOMORROW.
- 2. SEVERAL MINOR NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES WERE MADE IN SOME DOCUMENTS TO BRING THEM INTO CONFORMITY WITH PRESIDENTIAL PRACTICE. THESE CHANGES WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY SEPTEL.
- 3. IN PASSING THIS TO MACOVESCU, YOU MIGHT TELL HIM THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO GET EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN IN CONGRESS THAT ROMANIANS ARE NOT MOVING FAST ENOUGH TO RECTIFY PREVIOUS POOR PERFORMANCE ON JEWISH EMIGRATION. (FYI PERLE OF JACKSON'S OFFICE CALLED YESTERDAY TO COMPLAIN THAT ROMANIAN RECORD FOR THE FIRST 15 DAYS OF APRIL HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY "UNACCEPTABLE". HE SAID HIS FIGURES SHOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN 29 DEPARTURES FROM ROMANIA, 27 OF WHICH CONFIDENTIAL

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WENT TO ISRAEL. HE ADVISED THAT JACKSON WILL SIMPLY NOT

## STAND STILL FOR SUCH PERFORMANCE. END FYI.)

4. COMMENT: WHAT THIS ADDS UP TO IS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT IS BY NO MEANS A SURE THING, AND THAT GOR HAS GOT TO PRODUCE A RAPID BUILD-UP IN EMIGRATION APPROVALS IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS. THESE LATEST FIGURES, IF THEY ARE ACCURATE, SUGGEST, TO OUR CONSTERNATION, THAT THIS MESSAGE MAY STILL NOT BE CLEAR TO SOME ELEMENTS IN THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT.

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